

REMARKS

In view of the telephone discussion between the Examiner and the below signed representative on August 18, 2010, summarized above, Applicant cancels claims 15 and 33 to facilitate prosecution of the present application. Applicant respectfully notes that this amendment is intended without prejudice.

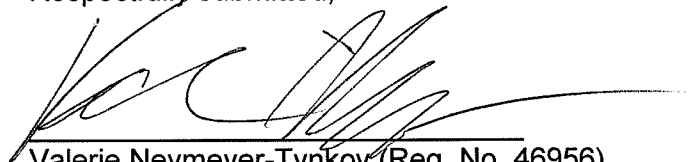
Also, claims 2, 4, 20, 26 and 31 are amended to provide antecedent basis, correct typographical errors or otherwise comply with formalities in keeping with preferred US practice. Claims 34 and 35 are amended to include the language of canceled claim 15.

With regard to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed today, US 5,298,491 listed in the IDS is an English language counterpart to EP 0 457 701.

At least in view of the foregoing comments, Applicant respectfully requests consideration for allowance. In the event that the Examiner believes any further issues may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the below-signed representative firm to discuss.

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Respectfully submitted,



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